

183 NEW OFFICERS FOR THE U. S. NAVY

Secretary Daniels Addresses Class Graduated Three Months Ahead of Time.

TALKS OF CRITICAL HOUR

By the Associated Press.
ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 28.—The members of the class of 183 midshipmen commissioned at the Naval Academy today, three months ahead of the time of their regular graduation, were told by Secretary Daniels that the nation expected them to be ready "for the day that may come—how soon, who can tell—when upon your coolness and knowledge and leadership and ability to shoot straight may depend the fate of a decisive naval engagement."

The Secretary spoke as the representative of President Wilson, who had been asked to deliver the graduation address, but had found it impossible to come because of the international situation.

Greetings of Commander-in-Chief.

"I bring you the greetings of your commander-in-chief, who sends you a message of confidence and bids you God-speed," said Mr. Daniels. "His heart is with you today. He does not, however, feel warranted in making any address in the present condition of public affairs, even to the graduates of this institution, to whom he would love to unbend himself."

"You are to receive your commission in a day when nearly all the world is in the vortex of war and no people can feel that they may not be drawn into it. Your own country faces a crisis. In this emergency the President, who has declared that the American navy ought to be incomparably the most adequate navy in the world, in the exercise of a discretion vested in him, will commission you three months ahead of the usual period. That fact alone emphasizes the significance of your early graduation. "Whatever, in addition to steps already taken by placing armed naval guards on the coast, the country may be called upon to do, its chief and first reliance will be upon the navy. Fortunately, the country has officers and men not surpassed by any naval service. To their number we are adding today 183 officers from the Naval Academy, and we are drawing to its enlisted strength an additional 25,000 from the alert and resolute youth of the country, who, added to the present personnel, will give us the finest body of enlisted men any officers were ever privileged to instruct and lead."

Service of Glorious Traditions.

"You come into a service with a glorious record, resplendent with noble traditions. You enter at a time when grave responsibilities fall without days of waiting upon your young shoulders. Today, as not before in a generation, the eyes of your countrymen are turned in pride as well as in confidence toward the newly commissioned ensigns."

The Secretary said that his advice to every young officer would be, "Get yourself a naval hero" for emulation during the year of service ahead. He declared it was by continually asking that Admiral Dewey would Farragut do? that the American navy hero who should be the ideal of all others. "The history of Admiral Dewey," Mr. Daniels continued, "furnishes one of the many examples that it is only the man who makes ready in a day of storm. A call to duty in the navy is ever quick and imperative. Dewey thanks to having selected Farragut as his ideal and making ready every day of his career—his collected and prepared mind and cool on the morning he sailed into Manila bay. He recalled Farragut's famous words: 'Go ahead!'"

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New Spirit of Understanding.

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"Will the people's faith in the navy as their protector be justified?" continued the Secretary. "Will they safely look to it as the strong right arm of government without thought that a powerful navy endangers the supremacy of civilian authority? The answer to that question is for you and your fellow officers, and those who come after you. I have tested the quality of the men of the navy today. I think I know their loyalty to country, and to its traditions, and their whole-hearted devotion to the ideals of their profession. We live in tense times. Great issues stir the depths of men. Small questions are shriveled. Questions big with the fate of nations, but of the world, may be decided by you. I do not venture to prophesy what lies before you. But whether your early service is in peace, or whether you are called to an early baptism of fire, there will be always the incentive to high courage and to daring in every emergency you ask yourself the question, 'What would Dewey do?'"

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WASHINGTON BOYS WHO GRADUATE FROM U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY TODAY



WILLIAM J. MORCOK



FRANKLIN S. IREBY



LAWRENCE WAINWRIGHT

weight champion, to Midshipman V. F. Grant, Mississippi.

Bronze medal, wrestling, lightweight champion, to Midshipman E. H. Wyatt, Virginia.

Bronze medal, wrestling, welterweight champion, to Midshipman E. B. Rogers, Virginia.

FRANCE FEATURES PROGRAM.

Papers and Tableaux Before the Twentieth Century Club.

An original paper on "Jeanne d'Arc" by Mrs. K. B. Seip, and tableaux representing the "Women and France" and "France" itself were features of the meeting of the Twentieth Century Club held yesterday at the residence of Mrs. Seip, 1745 Lanier place northwest. Other papers contributed were by Mrs. Carter on "Paris of Today," and by Mrs. Camille Hindmarsh on "The Women of France."

Among those taking part in the tableaux were Miss Anne Earleton, the Misses Miller, Miss Marie Becker, Miss Alberta Bicknell and Mrs. Augustus Simpson.

The singing of the "Marseillaise" concluded the meeting, over which Mrs. Seip and Mrs. Rutter jointly presided.

Loyalty of Colored Americans.

To the Editor of The Star: While reading the life of Mr. James Speyer in the series of "Men Who Made America," published in Leslie's Weekly, I was impressed by his belief in Gen. Wood's statement that "Equality of opportunity means equality of obligation," or expressed negatively thus—inequality of opportunity means inequality of obligation. On those races that enjoy the greatest opportunities in this country should fall the greatest obligations.

The colored race, with its few opportunities, with its many injustices, notably lynchings, etc., cannot in fairness claim to have the same obligations as the other races. You are reminded on all sides that this is a white man's country. Yet, on the pages of history are written deeds of valor and self-sacrifice performed by negroes for the country, from the revolutionary war to the Mexican crisis of last year. In every time of need the colored soldier has amply repaid this nation for the privilege of allowing some of his brethren, if not all, to live.

The colored people have shouldered at all times the obligations without enjoying all the opportunities of citizenship. In the present crisis our race will do its part. There will be no traitors no Germans among us. And after the trumpet is over let the government and the people be left with the equal rights and privileges under the law.

CHARLES A. ALLEN.

District Co-Defendant in Suit.

The District of Columbia, Victor J. Evans, L. G. Kelly Printing Company and John Brennan are named as defendants in a suit to recover \$10,000 damages for alleged personal injury filed in the District Supreme Court by George R. Koonce, four years old, through his father, Charles G. Koonce. It is alleged that two large iron frames placed in an alley in rear of the Victor building, at 5th street and Grant place, and that one of them fell suddenly, November 5 last, striking and injuring the child. Attorney Henry I. Quinn represents the plaintiff.

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FRANCIS W. BENSON



ROBERT B. MATTHEWS

GREAT MACE OF HOUSE REPAIRED AND READY

Work Done Here, to Disappointment of Expectant Guard of Deputies.

Rumors of dissension and strife among the members of the next House disappeared today like the mists before the rising sun, when it became known that the mace, the symbol of the House, had been repaired and was ready to be presented to the new Congress.

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JAMES V. GIRARD INDICTED FOR BREAKING INTO STORE

Grand Jurors Ignore Charges of Arson Against Two Colored Boys. Other Indictments.

James V. Girard, alias Vincent Girard, who was shot last October by Guy M. Neely, a druggist in Southeast Washington, as he was leaving the drug store about midnight, was indicted today by the grand jury for housebreaking. Girard, according to the police, admitted that he had entered the Neely store and other drug stores in the vicinity for the purpose of obtaining dope.

Formal indictments charging conspiracy and the use of the mails to defraud, were returned today against Albert Hupp, Irvin Hupp, Francis E. House and Orlis J. Rogers, against whom indictments were returned several weeks ago.

The men are under bond to answer these indictments, which allege they conducted the sale of stock of a corporation exploiting a device to be used on mail trains and made misrepresentations in connection with such sales.

The grand jurors ignored charges of arson against Norman Keiser and Charles Slater, colored, who, being under age of seventeen years, had been held in Juvenile Court for the action of the grand jury.

Fifteen Other Indictments. Fifteen other indictments were returned to Justice Gould today. The persons accused and the charges against them are:

Norman E. Standiford, violating postal laws; Edwin E. Farley, grand larceny; George Brown, housebreaking and larceny; John Dixon, joy riding; George M. Griffith, robbery; Harvey Eden, alias Harry Eaton, receiving stolen property; Allie J. O. Fox and Philip Medley, joy riding; John Lucas and William Ivory, robbery; Daniel Cooper, housebreaking and larceny; Charles Kulehova, carnal knowledge; Eliza Smith, robbery; John Matthews and John Wallace, assault with dangerous weapon, and Clinton A. P. Seltz, non-support.

Railroads Clearing Congestion.

With continued improvement shown daily in reports from virtually every affected section, the car shortage and congestion which demoralized traffic throughout the country last winter probably will be entirely cleared away within two weeks, in the opinion today of officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Improvement on eastern roads has been marked within the past week and there remain at present, it was said, only two or three points in the middle west where the congestion still remains serious.

Gen. Crozier Back From Hospital.

Brig. Gen. William Crozier, chief of ordnance of the army, has returned to his residence at 1723 Massachusetts avenue, in this city, from Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, where he underwent a successful skin grafting operation. He made the trip from Baltimore to this city in a motor car and suffered no ill effects.

It is expected he will be ready to resume his official duties at the War Department in a short time. During his absence Col. Edwin B. Habbitt, Ordnance Corps, is acting chief of ordnance.

The weight of ore cars descending a mine in South Africa is used to produce power by pulling a cable wound around a drum that drives a dynamo. Giving advice is like kissing—easy and pleasant.

Pennsylvania Saks & Company Seventh Avenue.

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With Easter only a short week ahead these specials will be appreciated for what they are—the result of our effort to prepare for the boys unusual values at popular prices. Note them well—compare them critically—they are exceptional.

Boys' Combination Outfits.

Consisting of Gray, Brown or Tan Mixed Cheviot Suit, with Double-breasted Jacket; three-piece belt and patch pocket; double seat; full lined knickerbocker trousers; and Hat to match Suit. Fit ages from 3 to 17 years. SPECIAL..... \$5

Boys' Blue Serge Suits, strictly all wool and fast color; Jacket with three-piece belt; and pants lined all through. Sizes 7 to 18 years. SPECIAL..... \$5.75

Boys' Corduroy Junior Norfolk Suits—Pearl, Tan, Mouse, Blue and Golden Brown. Sizes 3 to 8 years. SPECIAL \$1.98

Right Posture Suits—the Suits with the athletic feature which reminds the boy to sit erect. Choice of plain Blue and fancy effects—in all sizes from 7 to 17 years. SPECIAL..... \$7.50 to \$15.00

Boys' Blue Cheviot Reefers; Pinch-back model; belt all around; silk emblem on sleeve. Strictly all wool and fast color. Sizes 3 to 7 years. SPECIAL..... \$3.48

Boys' Shirts—plain white and fancy patterns—with neckband or collars attached; cut full and carefully made. Sizes 12½ to 14 neckbands. Special assortment of patterns. Specially priced..... 59c

Boys' Long Pants Suits

—Each With Two Pairs of Pants. Pinch-back Suits, in three smart patterns; just what the young men want—and with each Suit are two pairs of trousers—which you know give double wear. Sizes 15 to 18 years. Special..... \$13.75

On the "Economy Floor."

Boys' Reefers, blue and brown stripes, and black and white Shepherd plaid. Sizes 3 to 8 years. SPECIAL.. \$1.98

Boys' Norfolk Suits, Shepherd Plaids, Knickerbocker Pants; cut large and full. Sizes 8 to 17 years. SPECIAL. \$3.95

Boys' Knickerbocker Suits; neat gray and brown effects, cut large and full. All sizes. SPECIAL. \$2.98

Old Dutch Market

MANY ITEMS OF FOOD

Which we stock are not mentioned in print. Just as the pages of a newspaper cannot possibly chronicle all the interesting news of the day, so our food news can never give you more than an imperfect idea of the many items of food, etc., that we stock in our clean markets.

Read our Friday and Saturday news printed below the items and prices are real interesting.

One Taste Calls for More

That describes the goodness of our

PAN-AMERICAN COFFEE

1-lb. parchment-lined bags (usually 30c), this sale..... **28c**

By request we repeat the good thing in

CANNED PEAS

The famous PICK OF THE PACK BRAND. Sifted Early Junes, tender and sweet.

2 Cans 25c

POMPEIAN BRAND Pure Olive Oil

1/2-Pt. Can..... 19c
1-Pt. Can..... 35c
Qt. Can..... 65c

EVAPORATED MILK

Pet Brand, tall can. . 11c
Small can 5c

CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS

Packed in No. 1 tall tins. 15c value, at..... **12c**

White Tip Matches, dozen 16c
Evaporated Peaches, lb. 11c
Small Prunes, 2 lbs. . 15c
Soda Crystal Soap, 3 cakes 10c
Export Borax Soap, 2 cakes 9c

"PRIDE OF COLUMBIA" FLOUR

The ideal family flour, that gives uniform results.

6 Lb. Bag, 32c | 12 Lb. Bag, 63c | 24 Lb. Bag, \$1.24

Knox Gelatine, pkg. . 16c | Extracts, Vanilla or Lemon, 25c bottle. 22c
Vinegar, quart jar . . 8c | French's Cream Mustard, bottle . . 9c
Cream of Wheat, pkg. 18c | Curtice Bros. Jams, bottle 17c
Howard's Dressing, bottle 19c

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22c Lb. --- RIB BACON --- Lb. 22c

Small, lean strips. Hickory smoked, well streaked. Really worth cents a pound more. This sale, lb.

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Cut from choice hogs, sugar cured by our own process and smoked to perfection.

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Good size Fresh Eggs from nearby farms, doz..... **32c**

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